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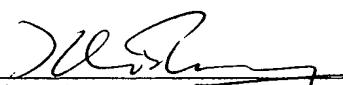
It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003 be extended for a period of three (3) months from September 3, 2003 up to and including December 3, 2003.

The fee for this extension is \$475.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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